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LIBRARY CATALOGUE.

The greatly increased size and circulation of the Library made imperative the demand for a new catalogue. Accordingly in June, at a great expenditure of labor and time, it was prepared and published. There were printed three hundred copies. A portion is bound in cloth and the balance in manilla board. The price—thirty-five cents for those bound in cloth, and twenty-five for those in manilla simply covers the cost of publication. The labor of preparation was gratuitous, so that it appears at once that the catalogue was provided entirely in the interest of those who use the Library. Of this class of our members we ask that the bare expense of publication be borne by them. Of the three hundred published, only about *thirty* copies have been sold. This of course is due to the fact, that many have not learned of the appearance of the catalogue.

It has not been extensively announced, for the reason that many of those who use the Library have been absent from the city. But now that this reason no longer holds, we come before our members and ask that the Committee be at once relieved of the catalogues on hand. This is not only very reasonable, but *necessary*, in order that we may be able to meet the publisher's incoming bill. We have for sale more than two hundred and fifty copies, which we hope to dispose of very soon. The catalogue is a book of one hundred and twenty pages, prepared with care by the Library Committee, alphabetically arranged by titles and authors, bound durably, and very valuable to every reader. Copies are for sale at all times at the Building.

Boys, remember tickets of admission to the Boys' Room and Entertainments for this season, will be issued to all boys between the ages of six and fifteen, on Monday evening, October 4th.

"THE WATCHMAN."

We warmly commend this paper to all who read the BULLETIN It is of course well known, that it is the official organ of the Young Men's Christian Associations, and is published semi-monthly, at one dollar a year. The last number contains an interesting account of the Northfield Conference, by G. C. Needham, of Chicago; a report of Maj Whittle's meetings in London; "How to study the Bible," by Rev. H. F. Williams, State Secretary of Missouri; "Work for Boys," by J. C. Huntingdon, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; sermon by D L. Moody; "Committees and their Work," by I. E. Brown, State Secretary of Illinois; "Australian Rambling Clubs," by W. G. Marsh, of Melbourne, Aus.; an interesting letter from London, by C. E. Bolton, of Cleveland, describing a Fourth of July in that city, also an English breakfast, the Raikes' Centennial meeting, etc.; besides Bible readings, a question drawer, hints and incidents in the work, and a general summary of Association news throughout the entire world, including Commercial travelers', railway and College work.

There are, we are satisfied, many of our members who could subscribe for the *Watchman* who now never see it. We can think of no way in which a dollar can be better invested, and we urge them to hand in their names for the formation of a new club. In order to work intelligently and effectively, we need to keep informed of this vastly enlarging field.

AN INTERESTING SERVICE.

The Railroad Men's Monthly Meeting held in the All-Worker's Chapel last Sunday evening, was very encouraging. The meeting was largely attended and interesting. The leader was Mr. Charles May. The subject was Praise. The singing was good, and the railroad men manifested a deep interest in the meeting by participating in the exercises.

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Monthly Notes, the organ of the Associations in the United Kingdom, gives in its September number the plan of the ground floor of Exeter Hall, which has been purchased at an immense cost for the London Association. £18,000 are required for the extensive improvements and alterations that are imperatively necessary. Of this, one-half has been subscribed, and an effort is on foot to obtain the other. It is a vast enterprise.

LOCAL ITEMS.

OUR Association is well represented at the State Convention.

ATTEND the Young Men's Bible Class to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

"A DOER, or a Hearer Only?" James 1:22–25, is the subject for the Open-Air Meetings to-morrow evening.

MEMBERS of the Reception Committee will enter upon their work for the season Monday evening, October 4

THE Lecture Committee met this week and made considerable progress in arranging for the Members' Lecture Course for this season

THE Chairmen of the Service of Song Committee has called a meeting of the committee for this evening, at 8.45 o'clock.

THE Chairman of the Open-Air Work Committees, are requested to see that the hymn books used at the meetings are returned to the Building.

ALL our Open-Air Services were largely attended and interesting as usual, last Sunday. With the services of to-morrow evening this branch of our work will be closed for the summer. Let the last meetings be the best of the season.

THE first Service of Song of this season, held last Sunday afternoon, was a good beginning. It was devoted principally to the subject of the State Convention now being held at Wilkesbarre. The service to-morrow afternoon will begin at 3.15 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

TWENTY-ONE young men attended our Young Men's Meeting last Saturday evening. We notice with pleasure the renewed interest our young men are taking in this meeting. The subject this evening will be "The Preparation for Witness Bearing." Jer. 1:6–9; 20:9. We expect an increased attendance and an interesting meeting.

ARE there any young men in the Association who feel that they are not studying the Bible as much as they *need?* Do *you?* Well, come to the Bible class for young men to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. The subject is "Faith in the Believer."

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 1880.

SUNDAY.....	9.00	A. M.	..Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.
September 26.	9.00	"	..Young Men's Bible Class. "Faith in the Believer." John C. Lynch.
	1.30	P. M.	..Mission Sunday School at Lochiel. J. H. Spicer, Superintendent.
	3.15	"	..Service of Song. Association Hall.
	3.30	"	..Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.
	5.00	"	..Bible Class (Colored). Wesley Mission, Marion near Colder. Charles May.
	6.00	"	..Service at City Hospital. Joseph B. Bostick.

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS.

	5.45	"	..Capitol Park. John M. Sayford.
	5.45	"	..Corner Race and Hanna Streets. U. M. Weaver.
	5.45	"	..Corner South and Cowden Streets Chas. Kennedy.
	5.45	"	..Corner Third and Colder Streets. H. C. Demming.
MONDAY.....	7.30	"	..Meeting of Boys' Committee.
THURSDAY.....	7.30	"	..Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class. John M. Sayford.
FRIDAY.....	8.00	"	..Members' Literary Society. Readings, Declamations and Debates.
SATURDAY.....	8.00	"	..Young Men's Meeting.
EVERY WEEK-DAY.....	8.00 A. M.		.....Daily Prayer Meeting.
	9.45 P. M.		.....Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Is held in the Reading Room every morning, except Sunday, at 8.00 o'clock, closing at 8.30.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.....*Christ's Testimony to His Own Humanity.* John viii. 40; Luke iv. 4. John C. Lynch.

TUESDAY....."*As a Man Thinketh in his Heart, So is He.*" Ps. xiv. 1-3; Mark vii. 20-23; Prov. iii. 1-5. J. N. Deeter.

WEDNESDAY.....*The Preparation for Witness-Bearing.* Jer. i. 6-9. xx. 9. James K. Dumars.

THURSDAY.....*Looking for an Answer to Prayer.* I Kings xviii. 41-45; Mark xi. 24. Geo. W. Mehaffey

FRIDAY.....*Testimony to a Great and Sudden Change.* Acts xxvi. 1-20. James Crothers.

SATURDAY.....*Isaac's Prosperity.* Gen. xxvi. 12-25. S. S. Barrett.

EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Literary Society will resume its meetings for this season on next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All members of the Society are requested to be present, and all members of the Association may join the Society.

Programme for Friday, October 1.

Essay.....James G. Parsons
Reading.....Parker N. Smith
Declamation.....Wallace McCamant

DEBATE.

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Subjects for the Week Ending Oct. 9th.

Public Meeting.—Bible Reading.—Nine Words pointing out One Way.

Come.—Matt. 11:28.
Believe.—John 3:36.
Trust.—Ps. 34:8.
Look.—Isa. 45:22.
Receive.—John 1:12.
Take.—Rev. 22:17.
Taste.—Ps. 34:8.
Acquaint.—Job 22:21.
Submit.—Jas. 4:7.

Young Men's Meeting.—A Discouraged Man Completely Satisfied.—John 5:1–14.

ENCOURAGING.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

The sower likes to see the fruit of his toil. He expects results from his seed-sowing. It is pleasant to record the encouragements which from time to time come to us in our work. Those who have prayed and labored in the Hospital will be especially glad to learn of a couple of cases of answers to prayer, directly traceable to the Sunday evening service in that place. Two cases of conversion recently came to our notice. They were young men confined in the Hospital some time since. The one is now living in St. Louis and the other in the northern part of this State. They both write they are living Christian lives and are members of church.

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